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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Please see that the new Federal District Court judge approves the settlement in the Microsoft case. The settlement is good for the country, because the information technology industries is a leader in fostering American prosperity through increased efficiency as a result of useful innovations, and because Microsoft is a vital part of the IT industry, which has for too long been stymied by this litigation.

The settlement is fair and will be adhered to. A committee of software engineering experts will be able to look throughout Microsoft's facilities and into its software code to see that the agreement is followed. Other companies will be able to make any complaints they may have to the committee and the committee will investigate. This sounds like an approach that should work well.

Please keep up your efforts to resolve this case now that we are so close. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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